

EDITORIALS

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Unwarranted Discrimination

Duxbury's policy of keeping cars from parking on Powder Point Beach and confining parking on the ocean side to residents of Duxbury is a policy that is not looked upon with favor by those other towns who pay for a part of the cost of maintaining the Powder Point Bridge. As the matter now stands unless one is a resident of Duxbury or can find a parking space within a reasonable distance of the bridge, it is necessary, except for the exclusive few who are permitted to park on the ocean side after crossing the bridge, to walk a long distance at great inconvenience if one wishes to avail one's self of the pleasure of the beautifully sandy beach that extends along the Gurnet.

Objections to this policy of Duxbury have been frequent, but unavailing insofar as getting a greater liberality extended to others than Duxbury residents.

The maintenance of Powder Point bridge is the responsibility of the Plymouth County Commissioners. The cost, which in 1936, totaled almost \$10,000, is apportioned to Plymouth County one-third, Town of Duxbury one-third, Town of Plymouth, one-sixth, Town of Marshfield one-ninth, and Town of Kingston one-eighteenth. These towns pay for the cost of maintaining the bridge for the use of Duxbury residents to drive their automobiles to the parking space at the further end, but residents of these assessed towns might as well as have nothing to do with the cost of the bridge insofar as any privileges are concerned.

No one can quarrel with the Town of Duxbury for its desire to keep the beach as free as possible from objectionable persons, but one can rightfully object to the discrimination that is exercised against the residents of those nearby towns who contribute to the cost of the bridge that makes it possible for the people of Duxbury to enjoy the beach. What use would the beach be without the bridge? Mighty little! If Duxbury wants to put a fence around its beach property, then let it pay for the total cost of maintaining the Powder Point Bridge. If it believes in fair play it will cease the discrimination that it makes against the towns of Plymouth, Kingston and Marshfield in particular.